
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, December 15,
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Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe

Monticello Dec. 15. 24.

Dear Sir

I have examined my letter of Jan. 13. 1803 as well as the indistinct copy given by the Copying press permits. In some part it is illegible. The publication of the whole of the 1st paragraph would merit very serious considn as respects myself. Written when party passions and conduct were at their greatest height, and expressing freely to you, with whom I had not reserve, my opinion of the views of the other party, which were all but treasonable they would kindle embers long seeming to be extinguished, and altho' at that time the views stated were known to be true, and not doubted at this moment, yet promulgated now, they would seem very harsh, and renew personal enmities and hatreds which time seems to have quieted. Yet I am perfectly willing that such parts as would be useful to you, without committing me to new persecutions should be made publick. With this view I have revised the paragraph, suppressed passaged which would be offensive, modified here and there an expression, and now inclose you the form in which I should consent to it's publcn. Your letter by Mr. Tichnor & Mr. Webster has been ruly recd. With the former I had had acquaintance and correspondence of long standing, and I am much gratified by the acquaintance made with the latter. <One of our Professors hourly and

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three others sailed for Norfolk long enough to have been here. On their arrival we shall give notice that the instn will be opened on the 1st of Feb. > Ever and faithfully yours Th. J.

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